

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-64, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please add Claims 65-71. The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims in the present application.

Claim 65 (new): An image processing apparatus comprising:

interpreting means for interpreting a command train that accesses an operation of an object of said image processing apparatus;

message means for passing a message to the object of said image processing apparatus when the operation is accessed; and

control means for controlling said image processing apparatus by executing a device driver program in accordance with execution of the operation of the object of said image processing apparatus.

Claim 66 (new): An apparatus according to claim 65, wherein the command train is interpreted by said interpreting means so as to control a printer by invoking a printer driver via a printer control library.

Claim 67 (new): An apparatus according to Claim 65, wherein the device driver program controls at least one of a scanner, a printer, and a network interface unit.

Claim 68 (new): A method for controlling an image processing apparatus,

comprising:

an interpreting step of interpreting a command train that accesses an operation of an object of the image processing apparatus;

a message passing step of passing a message to the object of the image processing apparatus when the operation is accessed; and

a control step of controlling the image processing apparatus by executing a device driver program in accordance with execution of the operation of the object of the image processing apparatus.

Claim 69 (new): A method according to claim 68, wherein the command train is interpreted in said interpreting step so as to control a printer by invoking a printer driver via a printer control library.

Claim 70 (new): An apparatus according to Claim 68, wherein the device driver program controls at least one of a scanner, a printer, and a network interface unit.

Claim 71 (new): A memory medium storing a program for implementing a method of controlling an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

an interpreting step of interpreting a command train that accesses an operation of an object of the image processing apparatus;

a message passing step of passing a message to the object of the image processing apparatus when the operation is accessed; and

a control step of controlling the image processing apparatus by executing a device driver program in accordance with execution of the operation of the object of the image processing apparatus.